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SUBJ CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

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1. ON OCTOBER 2 EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF SUBPARAS A TO
D OF PARA 3 REFTL TO D.J. MCJANET, HEAD OF EXTAFF MULTI-
LATERAL AID AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION. MCJANET THOROUGHLY
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FAMILIAR WITH PROBLEMS OF UNCTAD WORKING GROUP (WG) ON

CHARTER ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES.

2. MCJANET SAID THAT GOC POSITION NOT COMPLETELY FORMULATED ON CHARTER VOTE AT THIS SESSION OF UNGA IF NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON ART. 2 ISSUES. EXTAFF STILL CONSIDERING TWO MAIN OPTIONS: A) VOTING AGAINST ART. 2 OR OTHER ARTICLES UNACCEPTABLE TO GOC AND ABSTAINING ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE, OR B) VOTING AGAINST UNACCEPTABLE ARTICLES AND AGAINST CHARTER. ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISION ON GOC VOTE WILL PROBABLY DEPEND ON RESULTS OF WG CONSULTATIONS AND WHETHER G-77 WILLING MODIFY THEIR POSITION, SENIOR EXTAFF OFFICIALS LEANING TOWARD OPTION B.

3. MCJANET STATED THAT "POLITICAL WILL" EXISTS AT SENIOR EXTAFF OFFICIAL LEVEL TO VOTE AGAINST CHARTER IF NO COMPROMISE REACHED ON ART. 2. HE CITED RECENT CANADIAN VOTE ON SOUTH AFRICAN UN CREDENTIALS QUESTION AS EXAMPLE OF CANADIAN WILLINGNESS TO TAKE HARD LINE VIS-A-VIS LDC PROPOSALS.

4. ONE FACE-SAVING SOLUTION TO PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO MCJANET, WOULD BE TO REMOVE UNACCEPTABLE ARTICLES (OR PORTIONS THEREOF) FROM CHARTER AND SET UP "REVIEW MECHANISM" FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION AND COMPROMISE. G-77 WOULD HAVE CHARTER, ALBEIT AN ABBREVIATED ONE, AND GROUP B COULD THEN ATTEMPT CHANGE "OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE" THROUGH FURTHER NEGOTIATION.

5. MCJANET DID NOT BELIEVE THAT COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED UNTIL A) ALGERIAN, INDIAN AND YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES WHO SPOKE FOR G-77 AT RECENT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WERE REPLACED BY MORE CONCILIATORY REPRESENTATIVES, OR B) MORE MODERATE G-77 MEMBERS TOOK ACTIVE ROLE BEHIND SCENES TO PERSUADE OTHER MEMBERS TO COMPROMISE.
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